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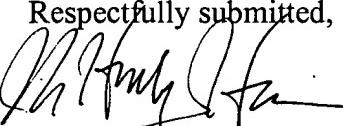
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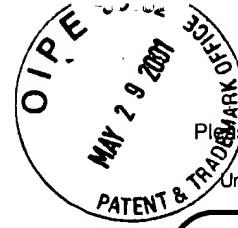
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As a single disclosed species, Applicants elect sodium docusate. The molecular formula of the docusate ion is shown in the specification at the top of page 9. The claims of Group I that read on sodium docusate are claims 1-6, 14-18-, 47-55, and 97-99.

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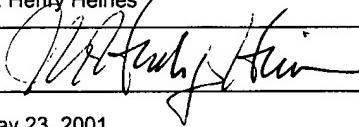
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